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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUSANO, AKIHITO

Examiner

Christopher P. Schwartz

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-555)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

CHRISTOPHER P. SCHWARTZ
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement has been received and considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1- 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US publication 2003/0020328 to Kusano et al..

Regarding claim 1 Kusano et al. discloses a hydraulic pressure boosting device for a vehicle comprising a pressure source 43, a hydraulic pressure boosting device having a pressure regulating valve 6 for regulating the hydraulic pressure, a master cylinder 100 for advancing a master piston 8 into master chamber CM1, a wheel brake cylinder W1-W4, a pressure detecting means S1,S2 and a pressure supply means 42.

Kusano et al. Lacks specifically stating at what pressure level the pressure supply means supplies hydraulic pressure from the valve 6 into the hydraulic pressure circuit(s) at 113,114.

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However it is well known to modify such hydraulic pressure boosting devices to supply hydraulic pressure to the wheel brakes upon reaching predetermined pressure levels.

One having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have found it obvious to have modified the boosting device of Kusano et al. such that the pressure supply means 42,43 supplies hydraulic pressure through the valve 6 into one of the hydraulic pressure circuits when the hydraulic pressure discharged from the master cylinder is equal to or greater than a predetermined starting reference pressure dependent upon the level and/or braking characteristics desired from the system.

Regarding claim 2, in view of the explanation above, these limitations would be obvious to the ordinary skilled worker in the art for the same reasons.

5. Claims 3-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kusano et al in view of Oishi et al.

Regarding claims 3-7 although Kusano et al. lacks a showing of the claimed switching valves, such valves are notoriously well known in the art. The reference to Oishi et al. is relied upon for a general teaching of these valves at 35 and 37 or 34 and 36.

Simply dependent upon the braking characteristics desired from the system one having ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to have modified the device of Kusano et al. with the claimed switching valves in the claimed positions, as taught by Oishi et al.

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Conclusion

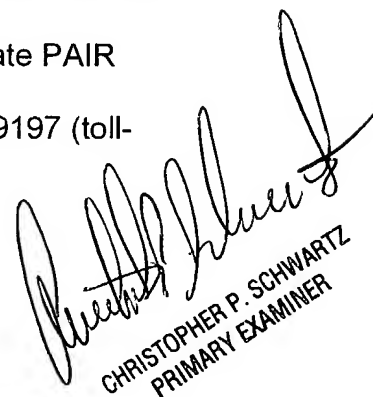
6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The references cited have been cited for showing other similar boosting devices.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher P. Schwartz whose telephone number is 703-308-0576. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack W. Lavinder can be reached on 703-308-3421. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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